

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

Somes Bar Integrated Fire Management Project (PALS #51276)

Six Rivers National Forest

Orleans/Ukonom Ranger District

The Six Rivers National Forest, in collaboration with the Western Klamath Restoration Partnership (WGRP), is seeking comments on the draft environmental assessment for the Somes Bar Integrated Fire Management Project. This project represents the first phase in realizing the collaborative goals of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy (Cohesive Strategy; USDA 2014), in accord with traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) and customs, as a framework for living with fire in the western Klamath Mountains of northern California.

The Somes Bar Integrated Fire Management Project encompasses 5,570 acres of National Forest System (NFS) land administered by the Orleans/Ukonom Ranger District in Township 11 North, Range 6 East, Sections 5 and 6; Township 12 North, Range 6 East, Sections 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 30, 29, 31, 32 and 33; Township 14 North, Range 6 East, Sections 34 and 35; and Township 13 North, Range 6 East, Sections 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 17, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 32 and 33; Humboldt Baseline and Meridian.

The draft environmental assessment (EA) presents the analysis and predicted environmental consequences of the no action alternative and the proposed action, designed to restore and maintain resilient landscapes, communities and economies; subject to 30-day review and comment period pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Only those who submit timely project-specific written comments during a public comment period are eligible to file an objection. Individuals or representatives of an entity submitting comments must sign the comments or verify identity upon request. In order for referenced material to be considered, commenters should supply literature and discuss its relevancy to the project as part of their comments.

The Forest Service will accept comments on the environmental assessment for 30 days following publication of the comment period legal notice in the Eureka Times-Standard, which is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. Commenters should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. It is the commenter's responsibility to ensure timely receipt of comments (36 CFR 218.25).

The environmental assessment is available for review at the Six Rivers National Forest Supervisor's Office, 1330 Bayshore Way, Eureka, CA; Orleans Ranger District, 1 Ishi Pishi Road, Orleans, CA; or online at www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51276. Comments may be mailed to Somes Bar Project, Six Rivers National Forest, 1330 Bayshore Way, Eureka, CA 95501; hand-delivered Monday through Friday from 8am to 4:30pm (excluding holidays); faxed to (707) 441-3598; or emailed to cblack@fs.fed.us in common (.doc, .docx, .pdf, .rtf, .txt) formats with the Subject: Somes Bar Project. Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for this proposal and will be available for public inspection (40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.12, Section 21).

For oral comments or more project information, contact the team leader, Corrine Black, at (707) 442-1721.

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